

**TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY—Volume II—1952.** Bruno Kisch, M.D., Editor. American College of Cardiology, 140 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y., 1953. 252 pages, \$5.00.

This volume includes proceedings of the last two meetings of the College of Cardiology. Papers read at the meetings are arranged in order of presentation but in varying detail; some are published in toto, while others appear in form of very brief summaries. Most of the papers contain either data published in more detail elsewhere, or represent reviews of various subjects. Consequently, one finds relatively little original and stimulating material, and it is doubted whether this volume will be of interest to many outside the membership of the College of Cardiology.

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**AN ATLAS OF SURGICAL EXPOSURES OF THE EXTREMITIES.** Sam W. Banks, M.D., Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School; and Harold Laufman, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of Experimental Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1953. 391 pages with 552 illustrations on 179 plates, \$15.00.

This atlas of surgical exposures of the extremities fulfills a pressing need that has been recognized for some years. There have been several similar works published in the last few years but this particular one appears superior to any of the others. The anatomical illustrations are perfect representations not only of the anatomy but also of the practical surgical application of anatomical knowledge to the specific exposure desired for any given surgical procedure. The text is clear, concise and correlated perfectly with the anatomical illustrations.

The book is of such value that the reviewer recommends it highly to anyone interested in the surgery of the extremities and particularly to any student or practicing orthopedic surgeon. No fault can be found with the descriptive text or with the anatomical illustrations.

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**FROM THE WORKSHOP OF DISCOVERIES.** Otto Loewi, Research Professor of Pharmacology, New York University College of Medicine. University of Kansas Press, Lawrence, 1953. 62 pages, \$2.00.

This small volume by a famous pharmacologist is made up of three lectures to medical students. The author elaborates broadly on his philosophy, discussing his viewpoints on medicine and man, on medical research and medical students themselves.

The book will prove of greater interest to the medical philosopher than to the medical technician, even though the third lecture deals with problems in the field of adrenal function.

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**SECTIONAL RADIOGRAPHY OF THE CHEST.** Irving J. Kane, M.D., Consultant in Chest Diseases, U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N. Y. Springer Publishing Company, Inc., 44 East 23rd Street, New York, 1953. 154 pages, \$7.50.

This is a handsomely prepared monograph dealing with tomography or planigraphy. Following a section on basic principles, there is a collection of roentgenograms, well produced, showing the values of sectional radiography as used by the author.

The illustrations are in "negative" form (i.e., like the original films) and most are clear. The legends are excellent. It is suggested that in future editions, the author might stress the benefits of simpler methods of examination such as posterior lordotic projections, heavy density stereoscopic projections, heavy density and oblique and lateral projections. The time and expense involved in body section radiography, and the radiation dosage often received by the

patient are perhaps not adequately emphasized. There are approximately one hundred illustrations, and these alone should make the book of considerable interest to students and beginners in radiography.

The author is a chest physician in New York City. There is an adequate bibliography and index.

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**EXCERPTA MEDICA—CANCER (EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL)—Section XVI, Vol. 1, No. 1, July, 1953.** Published by Excerpta Medica, N. V., 111 Kalverstraat, Amsterdam C. (The Netherlands). Published monthly. Vol. 1, July to December, 1953, \$5.00, succeeding volumes, \$10.00 per year. Aided by grants from the National Cancer Institute of the Public Health Service and the American Cancer Society.

The value of an abstract journal in a limited field in medicine is well recognized. The wisdom of attempting an abstract journal in a field as broad as cancer is a subject of some debate. The monograph under review consists of some 95 pages and 424 abstracts. There are about 60 lines to the page. The printing is clear and the paper excellent.

All of the abstracts are in English. They are made by physicians in various parts of the world, ranging from a Dr. Op de Coul in Almelo to a Dr. Schut in Anoka.

It is unavoidable that some of the abstracts are rather uncritical and perhaps poorly selected. On the whole they appear to be adequate and reasonably complete. Probably a useful work for libraries.

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**PRACTICAL X-RAY TREATMENT—Fourth Edition.** Arthur W. Erskine, M.D. The Bruce Publishing Company, St. Paul, 1953. 195 pages, \$5.00.

This is the fourth edition of a well known and useful manual on x-ray treatment. After a section on mechanical factors, the author deals with considerations of skin dose and depth dose. There is a good discussion of scattered radiation. The effects of x-rays on tissue are briefly outlined. Suggestions regarding the treatment of skin diseases, infections, various benign lesions and malignant lesions are then given. Many of the techniques used have stood the test of time. However, not many radiation therapists will be as enthusiastic for transvaginal roentgen therapy as is the author.

There are references at the end of each chapter and there is a good index. The work can be recommended to students, especially those in radiology.

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**INFLUENZA AND OTHER VIRUS INFECTIONS OF THE RESPIRATORY TRACT.** C. H. Stuart-Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine, University of Sheffield. Distributed by Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore. Edward Arnold & Co., London, 1953. 235 pages, \$6.00.

Stuart-Harris is a real authority on the subject, as he has done original investigation of a high order, on influenza and other virus infections. Although the book deals with all phases of the subject, including the clinical side, a special feature is a discussion of the development of knowledge and understanding of the viruses which are responsible for these diseases. The recovery of the influenza virus in the ferret in the thirties and the subsequent advancement of knowledge makes a really exciting story. The book is thoroughly up to date and gives the latest information on modern methods of virus diagnosis. In addition to influenza, colds, psittacosis, Q fever and allied conditions are thoroughly dealt with in interesting fashion. There are numerous excellent illustrations, lists of references at the end of each chapter, and an index.